

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, announces the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Vicki Cass was sentenced today to 24 months imprisonment by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Sr. United States District Judge, having previously pled guilty to money laundering charges. After an extensive investigation by the I.R.S., FBI and the Omaha and Bellevue Police Departments, Ms. Cass was indicted, along with Shannon Williams and others, in 2009 for their involvement in conspiring to distribute marijuana and money laundering. Ms. Cass pled guilty on July 6, 2010, and as part of that agreement, admitted to laundering in excess of \$200,000. Shannon Williams, Sara Jarrett and Deshawn Hernandez are still pending trial which is set to begin April 4, 2011.

Name of Defendant: Vicki Cass

AKA:

Age: 51

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to launder money - 0-20 years imprisonment, \$500,000 fine and \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico

Location of Arrest: Omaha

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Shannon Williams, Christopher Parrott, Anthony Parrott,

Joe Mark Felix, Deshawn Hernandez, Sara Jarrett, Amy Griffith, Daniel Bouquet, Yvonne Ackerly, Jamie Ackerly

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 1, 2007-December 19, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: 12/21/09

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: 12/16/09

Initial Appearance Date: 12/21/09

Plea Date(s): 7/6/09

Sentencing Date: 2/11/11

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Gossett

Held without Bond: released at her initial appearance

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Lyle E. Strom

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: STL